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Dear Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-identified application,  
please amend the same as follows:

Amendments to the specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims  
which begins on page 5 of this paper.

The Remarks begin on page 10 of this paper.